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Mr. Newman;

We are writing to express our opposition to the three proposed changes submitted to you by Arizona American Water.

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**Rate Consolidation:**

Consolidating rates from such diverse geographical areas as Anthem, Agua Fria, Tubac, Mohave, Havasu and Paradise Valley makes no logical sense for the residents of Sun City. Sun City has been in existence for 50 years and consists of retirees on FIXED INCOMES. If this consolidation is approved it would mean a 168% increase from the present Sun City residential wastewater rate!....(not to mention a proposed 76.98% increase in proposed water rates!)

No new homes have been added to Sun City for almost 30 years, thus water usage increase has and will remain limited. Therefore, no new water/wastewater lines need to be built. The community is not growing nor will it grow beyond its current boundaries as it is now completely surrounded by other cities. So why should Sun City residents be forced to pay for all the growth of these other expanding cities? This consolidation makes absolutely no sense for Sun City residents.

**Bundling:** (Docket No. W-01303A-09-0343) (Docket No. SW-01303A-09-0343)

Bundling Sun City with Anthem makes no logical sense for Sun City. Again Sun City has been in existence much longer than Anthem which has continued to grow and thusly is facing water shortage problems in the near future. Further, business in Sun City have closed or left the area entirely which is just the opposite of fast growing multi-generation Anthem. Sun City was developed and sold as a reasonably affordable retirement community for most "lower-middle" class" retirees living on a "fixed income" and was never intended to part of the "suburban sprawl" surrounding it.

**Rate Increases:**

Now that original "dream" is being again threatened by such punitive increases proposed by Arizona American Water. WE on fixed incomes are now being asked to support fast growing suburban areas of the Valley and beyond. Sun City was developed for American retirees who have "paid their dues" by working and sacrificing their entire adult lives.

This Country is in a deep recession, with Social Security being "frozen" for two years, Medicare costs, by contrast are rising. Retirement savings have dropped dramatically because of losses caused by greed on Wall Street and others. Yet, utility rates continue to spiral ever upwards. Sun City residents are certainly not "immune" to this *economic downturn*, and indeed "feel it" as much as anyone, but with little opportunity and little time to recoup these losses.

The original idea behind Sun City first attracted our own parents to Sun City in 1974. We have lived here for almost 8 years now. We have never missed voting in any election. We are asking you to please not approve these changes and charges being proposed by Arizona American Water.

Sincerely

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